

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of)
)
Shunpei Yamazaki et al.)
)
Serial No.: 09/507,825)
)
Filed: February 22, 2000)
)
For: Time And Voltage Gradation)
Driven Display Device)
)
Art Unit: 2629)
)
Confirmation No.: 2841)
)
Examiner: David Lee Lewis)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION

In the Office Action of August 11, 2006, the Examiner states "Claims 1 ad [sic] 81-103 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sposato et al. (5682511)." The next paragraph, however, states "As in claim 1, Butler et al. teaches..."

Accordingly, Applicants are unclear as to which reference the Examiner is basing his rejection of the claims, Sposato et al. or Butler et al. Further, it is unclear if the references in the rejection are to Sposato et al. or Butler et al.

In addition, PTO-892 attached to the Office Action refers to a Butler et al. (U.S. 4,910,687). Is this the "Butler et al." referenced in the Office Action?

Furthermore, Sposato et al. does not appear to be listed on any of the 1449 forms or 892 forms for this application.

In light of this confusion, the undersigned immediately called the Examiner and has spoke a couple of times to the Examiner about this error. The Examiner agreed that there is an error in the rejection and a new Office Action should be issued. However, since a new Office Action has not yet been issued, Applicants are filing this written request.

As this error has been called to the attention of the Patent Office within one month of the mailing date, it is respectfully requested that the period for reply be reset to run from the date that the error is corrected, pursuant to MPEP § 710.06.

If any fee is due for this request, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 10, 2006

/Mark J. Murphy/

Mark J. Murphy

Registration No. 34,225

COOK, ALEX, McFARRON, MANZO,
CUMMINGS & MEHLER, LTD.

200 West Adams Street

Suite 2850

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(312) 236-8500

Customer no. 26568